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CHS Members Visit IAEA, Warn Iran not to Jeopardize Talks

Washington, DC (Monday, August 01, 2005)—On Monday, House Homeland Security Committee members met with the International Atomic Energy Agency, as the United Nations nuclear watchdog received word that Iran would attempt to resume its uranium enrichment program.



**Representatives at IAEA with
Director, General Mohamed ElBaradei**

Negotiations with the so-called EU3 group (Britain, France, and Germany) have stalled recent attempts by Iran to move forward with controversial plans to process nuclear fuel, which can also be used to provide the explosive core to an atomic bomb. The announcement came as the EU3 prepares to deliver political and economic incentives to the Islamic Republic in return for their indefinite suspension of uranium enrichment activities.

The United States and the international community have warned Iran that it could face sanctions if it violates its obligations as a Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) signatory. CHS members held a media conference call Monday to talk about the news out of Tehran and their work in Austria.

“We believe that the EU3 are certainly making a very good faith attempt,” said Peter King (R-NY), Chairman of the CHS Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology. “We support their efforts, we will work with them and the IAEA, but again, if Iran does go ahead... then we believe it should be turned over to the (United Nations) Security Council.”



**Congressional Delegation Meets with IAEA:
Peter King (R-NY), IAEA Director, General
Mohamed ElBaradei, Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY),
Donna Christensen (D-VI), Michael McCaul
(R-TX), and Charles Dent (R-PA)**



Ambassador W.L. Lyons Brown and law enforcement officers
with Reps Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), Peter King (R-NY),
Charles Dent (R-PA) and Michael McCaul (R-TX)

While in Austria, members of Congress also met with U.S. Ambassador to Austria W.L. Lyons Brown and the Austrian Ministry of the Interior Special Operations Unit, or Cobra. Discussions focused on mass transit security and privacy issues.

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